

The following memo was sent to Consolidated Federal Programs contacts via e-mail on March 17, 2009:

The Stimulus Package and Title I: March 17, 2009 Update

There are several important items to bring to your attention about Title IA and the stimulus package.

First, we urge caution in the use of any Title IA allocation tables you may have seen for your schools. These tables represent the estimated amounts your schools would generate in the Title I formula based on census poverty but do not represent the final amount earmarked for that school. (Some schools on the list are not even allocated Title I funds) There are several administrative calculations that must be applied to the total state allocation before the VTDOE can determine the final allocations to the LEAs. In general the totals, when aggregated to the LEA level, will be less than the sum of the published amounts because of set asides required in NCLBA. However, the funds will likely be in the same order of magnitude. With this in mind, we urge you to begin planning for the use of these new funds immediately.

Second, if your school is a Title I targeted assistance school; we recommend that you explore the option of becoming a schoolwide program. It will allow added flexibility in how all title funds may be expended.

Third, if schools in your SU or district are eligible to receive Title I funds but currently do not and you plan to fund them in the coming year; please call us to discuss potential unintended consequences. David Baroudi at (802) 828-5156. Mary Mulloy at (802)828-3067.